

Minutes of the Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting
December 9, 2015

7:32 PM Meeting called to order

Attending Committee Members were: Soraya Stevens, Margot Fleischman, Dan Silverman, Casey Ackerman, and Stacy Chandler

Guest: Roy Sorensen, Bedford DPW

Visitor: Ranya Niv

Motion to accept minutes of the previous (10/14/2015) meeting seconded and approved unanimously

7:33 PM Update from DPW

- Roy will be leaving Bedford to work closer to home.
- Carl in the highway department will be picking up some of the sidewalk projects
- Pieces are in place for the Concord Rd sidewalks. Roy worked with New England Nurseries to revise the design to meet to their business needs. DPW has some drainage work to do and then they can get started.
- Hemlock is next after Concord Road.
- Roy wanted to take a look at all of the projects (DPW was only fully staffed a month ago). Sidewalks got put on the back burner. A lot of paving work happened this year – there was additional funding for paving projects.
- Davis boardwalk. Kristen Dowdy has been looking at that project and coming up with a plan that works with the permitting.
 - When will we hear more about timeline
 - Roy will ask Adrienne and email everyone
- Bike/Ped master plan. It is the long term plan and does not all have to be funded.
- Narrow gauge is getting regraded and resurfaced
- School Way project – some time in January the MassDOT will hold a public presentation. We are pushing them on this project and the costs have gone up. People will have to be on board with a project like this. BARK wants to do some work with irrigation and the trees. There is going to have to be some give and take. There are plans to pave Town Hall, Mudge Way, etc and they will all happen when School Way happens. After that, the Great Road project will start. The School Way project includes:
 - The path will be resurfaced and will be ADA compliant (will try to get to 10ft if possible)
 - There will be a sidewalk to get to the path
 - Crosswalk from the Tot-lot to the library
 - Sidewalks will be redone
 - Light at the police station
 - Want to advertise the project in Oct 2016, and start the project in 2017.
- Lou Rubido from MassDOT suggested they put sidewalks along the JGMS fields.
- Margot asked about the missing link connection between Pine Hill sidewalks and North Road sidewalks: Heritage and Pine Hill. Roy said it was very doable but they need to get permission from abutters.

- The light for the Harvard crosswalk at North Road is still to be put in place.
- The RFP for North Road/Chelmsford Road (Renzo's) and North Road/Pine Hill intersections is out.

8:00 PM Selectmen Update

- Selectmen heard an extensive report on the state of the fire station. There is a possibility it might be moved somewhere else. The building is outdated - the number of the bays and the height of the bays are inadequate. The building was built in 1949 as a joint police/fire station. It isn't ADA compliant, etc. It will be an expensive endeavor to explore options.
- Alyssa Sandoval submitted the proposal for local transit system. It is a stand-alone supplementary local transit system that does not compete with BLT. From 12pm-6pm it will be contracted through a different service. Margot has spoken with the people that run the Crosstown connect. It will be a fixed-route service during lunch times and times for Food Pantry pickups. It will be a combination of a fixed route along with dispatch services. They might also have variable fixed routes that allows for small deviations for pickup or dropoff. After school route is another possibility.
 - It will be about \$86K for a 9-month trial
 - Needs to go through the finance committee
 - Pilot is targeted for September 2016
 - Branding and visibility are important
- Tree lighting and the walkabout was a success.
- Park and Pedal is a no cost program where you take existing parking spaces, put up signs that say "Park and Pedal" and they can park and bike part of the route.
 - A lot of traffic from the north, you could have a park and pedal areas
 - Possible locations: Near Bedford Children's Center/Lavendar Lane, VA Parking Lot, Middlesex Community College, Churches are good folks to cooperate with

8:45 PM Planning Board Updates

- We are seeking funds from the next Town Meeting for a zoning consultant for the Great Road corridor to update some of the antiquated zoning.

8:48 PM Complete Streets Update

- Community Compact is another layer on top of the Chapter 90I requirements
- We will get a revised draft of the policy

8:51 PM Adjourned